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TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, AR (PEREYRA, EZEQUIEL F.)

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY  
RESIGNS

1. PRESS REPORTED JULY 12 THAT AMBASSADOR EZEQUIEL PEREYRA, DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY (THE OLD PULIT/MOLINA SALAS JOB) HAD RESIGNED. SOURCES IN FOREIGN MINISTRY SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD US HIS RESIGNATION HAD BEEN SUBMITTED ON JULY 8.

2. SAME SOURCES INDICATE FOREIGN MINISTER GUZZETTI ASKED FOR PEREYRA'S RESIGNATION. PEREYRA HAS LONG HAD REPUTATION IN MINISTRY AS SOMETHING OF A MAD MAN, A REPUTATION HE LIVED UP TO IN HIS DEALINGS WITH US. IT WAS NOT ONLY THAT PEREYRA WAS A FAR RIGHT-WINGER AND EMBARRASSINGLY OUTSPOKEN ANTI-1 SEMITEC HE WAS GIVEN, TOO, TO IRRATIONAL OUTBURSTS AND BEHAVIOR. SOURCES IN FOREIGN MINISTRY REPORT THAT ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS HE SHOUTED DOWN FOREIGN MINISTER IN FRONT OF AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED TO GOA. APPARENTLY, FINAL STRAW CAME WHEN FOREIGN MINISTER ANNOUNCED NEW WORK SCHEDULE FOR FOREIGN MINISTRY BEGINNING AT NOON AND ENDING AT 7 P.. PEREYRA DECLARED THAT NEITHER HE NOR THOSE WORKING UNDER HIM WOULD ADHERE TO NEW SCHEDULE. GUZZETTI THEN CALLED HIM IN AND FIRED HIM. PUNISHMENT IS SWEET, HOWEVER, SINCE PEREYRA IS TO BE POSTED TO SAN JOSE, PROVIDED COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT GIVES AGREEMENT (FBIS INDICATES GOCR HAS ALREADY GRANTED IT,

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BUT OUR SOURCES IN MINISTRY HAVE NOT CONFIRMED).

3. SEVERAL NAMES HAVE BEEN MENTIONED IN PRESS, BUT SOURCES  
IN FOREIGN MINISTRY INSIST THAT NO REPLACEMENT HAS YET BEEN  
NAMED OR DECIDED UPON (AS OF MORNING JULY 15).  
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